

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, please delete the heading "SPECIFICATION" that precedes the title.

On page 1, replace the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD" with the heading --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 1, replace the heading "BACKGROUND ART" with the heading --DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART--.

On page 5 please delete the heading "DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION" and substitute therefor --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 13 please delete the heading "BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION" and substitute therefor --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

On pages 15-16, please replace the paragraph bridging these two pages with the following amended paragraph:

Next, a molding method for the above-described intermediate molded product T' will be explained. The intermediate molded product T' is molded by a continuous extrusion molding method by a connected mold 22 which is made by connecting single molds 21 in a caterpillar shape as shown in Figure 9 and Figure 10. On an inner surface of a cavity 21a formed by a pair of single molds 21 which are in close contact with each other, a concavo-convex strip ^{[[1]]}21b corresponding to an outer shape of the aforesaid intermediate molded product T' is formed.

On page 26, please replace the first full paragraph on this page with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in Figure 19 and Figure 24, in an inner peripheral surface near both end portions of the main body portion 41 of the connecting base body Jb in the longitudinal direction S of the housing member T, two pairs of first locking convex lines 49 are provided, two of which make one pair, and which extend along the inner peripheral surface. Similarly, two pairs of second locking convex lines 69 which extend along an inner peripheral surface are provided near

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both end portions of the main body portion 61 of the connecting cover body Jc in the longitudinal direction S of the housing member T. As shown in Figure 24, each of the locking convex lines 49 and 69 forms an approximately triangular shape in section and has a notched portion at a central portion along its own longitudinal direction. The adjacent first locking convex lines 49 in the nearest position are provided on the body portion 41 of the base [[B]] Jc with a space corresponding to the width W_2 (see Figure 5) of the convex portion 2 of the base B therebetween. Similarly, the adjacent second locking convex lines 69 at the nearest position are provided on the body portion 61 of the connecting cover body Jc with a space corresponding to the width W_1 (see Figure 5) of the convex portion 1 of the cover C therebetween.

On pages 33-34, please replace the paragraph bridging these two pages with the following amended paragraph:

Next, an operation for assembling the housing member T by covering ~~the cover C with~~ the base B with the cover C is performed. In the state in which the fitting portions 3 of the cover C and the fitted portions 4 of the base B are positioned along the longitudinal direction S so as to approximately correspond to each other, the cover C is slightly pressed against the base B from above the base B. Then, the locking projections 9 of the cover C are locked at the locked projections 10, and the housing member T in the long cylindrical shape is formed. The convex lines 121, which project from all over the peripheral surface of the housing member T including the convex portions 1 of the cover C and the convex portions 2 of the base B, are formed along the longitudinal direction of the housing member T at approximately the same pitches. The portion of the housing member T of the aforesaid dimension U corresponds to a connected portion 123 connected to the connecting tool J (see Figure 21).

On pages 46 and 47, please replace the paragraph bridging these two pages with the following amended paragraph:

Each bolt insertion hole 731b formed in both ends of the longitudinal direction of the cover plate 731 form elongate hole-shapes extending along the longitudinal direction. Each of

the bolt insertion holes 731b opens at a side surface of the aforesaid cover plate 731, and therefore it is possible to fix the base B to the seat D as follows. First, the upper opening of the seat D is covered with the cover plate 731, and the base B is placed on the cover plate 731. Next, the fixing bolt 705 which is inserted through the bolt insertion hole 703a of the fixing portion 703 of the fixing tool G₁ and the aforesaid plate nut 734 are slightly screwed to each other, and thereby the fixing tool G₁ and the plate nut 734 are temporarily assembled. In this temporarily assembled state, the fixing portion 703 of the fixing tool G₁ is positioned close to a head portion of the fixing bolt 705, with the fixing portion 703 and the plate nut 734 are spaced from each other as much as possible, and then while the fixing tool G₁ is moved to the base B from both end sides of the seat D, the aforesaid fixing bolt 705 is inserted into the bolt insertion hole 731b of the cover plate 731, and further, the plate nut 734 is further inserted into the inside of the seat D. In this state, a part of the convex portion 2 of the base B is inserted into the insertion hole 701b of the fixing tool G₁, and the lower end of the locking portion 702 of the fixing tool G₁ is located at an upper position from the end edge portion 2c of the base B. Next, when the fixing tool G₁ is pressed down with respect to the base B, the locking portion 702 is fitted into the end edge portion 2c of the base B and locked. Finally, the plate nut 734 and the fixing bolt 705 are completely screwed to each other by rotating the fixing bolt 705. As a result, the base B is fixed to the seat D via the fixing tool G₁, and since the plate nut 734 is in a square shape, it does not rotate with the fixing bolt 705 when the fixing bolt 705 rotates.

On page 53, please replace the fourth full paragraph on this page with the following amended paragraph:

Namely, as shown in Figure 48, the bulged cover portion 845 is locked at the outer surface of the bulged base portion 849, and the end tip of the side wall 844 is located at an inner side of the base B₂ from the bulged base portion 849. Accordingly, the bulged base portion 849 and the bulged cover portion 845 interfere with each other. Therefore, there is provided a structure in which the cover C₂ hardly slips off in the direction intersecting the

longitudinal direction of the base B_2 , that is, in the forward direction. In the aforesaid overlaid section Y, the base convex portion 850a is fitted in the cover convex portion 846a all over the height of the overlaid section Y.

On page 54, please replace the second full paragraph on this page with the following amended paragraph:

As in a housing member T_3 of an eighth embodiment shown in Figure 51 and Figure 52, a projection line 855 may be formed on the outer surface of the base convex portion 850a located at the side wall 844 of the housing member T_2 in Figure 45, along the direction in which the convex portion 850a of the base B_2 extends. In the case of this construction, the cover convex portion 846a is fitted on the base convex portion 850a, and the projection line 855 is housed in the cover convex portion 846a in a state in which the cover $C[[2]]_3$ is assembled to the base $B[[2]]_3$, as shown in Figure 52. As a result, since the base convex portion 850a and the projection line 855 abut the cover convex portion 846a, they interfere with one another, and the positional displacement of the cover $C[[2]]_3$ along the length direction of the base B_2 can be effectively restrained. The aforesaid projection line 855 may be formed over the entire perimeter of the base convex portion 850a.

On pages 54 and 55, please replace the paragraph bridging these two pages with the following amended paragraph:

In the embodiment in Figure 45 to Figure 50, the locked projection 10 shown in Figure 7 may be formed on the outer surface of the base convex portion 850a and in the vicinity of the end portion of the opening of the base B_2 . Further, in the inner surface of the cover C_2 , the locking projection 9 at which the aforesaid locked projection 10 can be locked in the assembled state of the base $[[841]] B_2$ and the cover $[[842]] C_2$ may be formed on the side wall 844 at the side of the upper wall 843. In the assembled state of the base B_2 and the cover C_2 , the aforesaid locking projection 9 is locked at the locked projection 10, and the cover bulged portion 845 is

locked at the base bulged portion 849, whereby the cover C_2 can be prevented from being detached from the base B_2 easily.

On page 56, please replace the first full paragraph on this page with the following amended paragraph:

Each width QL of the convex portion $[[2]]$ 1 of the cover C and the convex portion 2 of the base B, the cover convex portion 846a of the cover C_2 and the base convex portion 850a of the base B_2 , and the cover convex portion 915 of the cover C_4 and the base convex portion 919a of the base B_4 in each of the embodiments in Figure 1 to Figure 54 may be changed as follows. Explaining the housing member of the modified example with use of Figure 6, for example, the dimension QL of the convex portion 1 of the cover C is formed to be smaller than the dimension QL of the convex portion 2 of the base B, and the fitted portion 4 is formed in the inner side from the base B in Figure 6. In the case of the construction of the housing member of the modified example, when the cover covers the base, the sectional shape of the housing member forms a convex shape when the housing member is seen from the direction shown in Figure 6. In this construction, a space is formed between adjacent covers when a plurality of housing members are placed adjacently to each other along the longitudinal direction. Therefore, the convex portion of the cover can be easily caught by one's fingers, and the cover can be easily removed from the base.